

STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP

Many Harvest Hands Needed

It will be necessary to import to Oklahoma from other states from 12,000 to 15,000 men in addition to those available in the state, to harvest the record-breaking wheat crop which will be raised this year according to present prospects. The foregoing estimate is made by Charles Daugherty, state labor commissioner, who through assistants in his office has made a statewide investigation of the wheat crop situation. Mr. Daugherty believes that if no unforeseen circumstances interfere Oklahoma will harvest this season between 38,000,000 and 40,000,000 bushels of wheat besides a record-breaking crop of oats, barley and other small grains.

In order to meet the enormous demand for harvest hands which will begin within a few days Labor Commissioner Daugherty has established, in addition to the three regular state free employment agencies at Oklahoma City, Muskogee and Enid, branch agencies at Alva, Ponca City and Frederick and others are still to be located. In addition business men in various sections of the state have volunteered to notify the labor department of help needed.

The wheat harvest will begin first in the southern tier of Oklahoma counties about June 5, according to Mr. Daugherty. The crop in the northern section of the state will be ready for cutting about ten days later. Requisitions are already coming in from the free employment agencies which are in charge of E. W. Vance of Oklahoma City, for men in the extreme southern part of the state.

The investigation of conditions in the wheat growing sections of the state has been carried on by four assistants of the state labor department. E. W. Vance in charge of free employment agencies has investigated conditions in Southwestern Oklahoma, W. G. Ashton, assistant state labor commissioner, has made the rounds of about thirteen counties of Northwestern Oklahoma which comprise the biggest wheat growing area of the state. G. E. Warren, state factory inspector, visited the counties of Western Oklahoma including Major, Blaine and Alfalfa.

Mr. Daugherty says that Kansas will need 42,000 men to handle her wheat crop and that the men who come to work in the Oklahoma harvest can work their way northward into that state, thus finding continuous employment for a number of weeks. According to Mr. Daugherty the Oklahoma farmers are willing to pay a minimum wage of \$2 a day and board for good harvest hands and if the supply does not equal the demand they may pay even more.

W. G. Ashton, who has been visiting the biggest wheat growing counties of the state, estimates that there are 1,109,000 acres of wheat in the thirteen counties visited by him which will have a total estimated yield of 22,150,000 bushels, according to present prospects. He received orders for several hundred men while on his trip and he estimates that in Woods county alone 1,600 men will be needed to handle the crop.

All of those who have been investigating the wheat prospects say that Oklahoma will have the biggest crop in its history barring unforeseen conditions. Wheat is in almost perfect condition, having been favored with ideal growing weather throughout the entire season.

In Kiowa county, one of those visited by Mr. Vance, it is estimated that 1,300 men will be required to harvest the crop. Some of the railroad companies also are co-operating with the farmers and labor department in an effort to supply harvest help. In some sections of the state all local help will be needed to handle other spring crops, making necessary the importation of practically all men needed for the harvest.

East Central Graduates.

The address of the Rev. J. E. Carpenter of McAlester at Ada closed the 1914 commencement of the East Central State Normal. Seventeen persons were given the normal diploma.

Eastern Prep. Commencement.

The 1914 graduating class of the Eastern University Preparatory school, located at Claremore, was the largest yet graduated from that institution.

Railroad Lines Planned.

Announcement direct from high officials of the Rock Island railway says that company is contemplating construction of a spur from McAlester to Ashland possibly extending on to Sulphur by way of Tupelo. The Katy, too, it is learned, is considering similar project. Such a line if the Katy builds is to be an extension of its Wilburton branch.

Bleakmore Will Succeed Russell

W. R. Bleakmore of Ardmore has taken up his new duties as associate justice of the state supreme court, succeeding the late Stillwell H. Russell. Judge Bleakmore was county attorney of Carter county and is considered one of the ablest lawyers in the state. He will resign from that office and at the end of his term as supreme court justice will return to Ardmore to take up again the practice of law.

Board Increases Tax Valuations

General increases in the valuation of public service properties in Oklahoma for the fiscal year 1914-15 were ordered by the state board of equalization.

All oil pipe line companies were assessed on a basis of 30 per cent increase over the schedule of last year on physical property, exclusive of storage oil, which was assessed at a valuation of \$1 a barrel and material increases were made on other properties.

The only instance where the board made any reduction of consequence was in the case of the United States Express Co. It was formerly assessed at \$120 per mile while the board has reduced this to \$100 per mile on account of the fact that the company has decided to quit business and will be liquidated before July 1.

The new Ringling railroad, or the Oklahoma, New Mexico & Pacific, which is its official name, was assessed on a valuation of \$10,000 a mile for main track and \$4,000 for side tracks. Buildings owned by the company are assessed on a valuation of \$5,964. The company owns approximately twenty-five miles of main line and two miles of side track, according to the statement filed with the board of equalization.

The assessment of the Pullman company was raised from \$1,138,942 to \$1,161,720.

Corporation Assessments

The following are the valuations of the public service corporations of Oklahoma for 1913:

Pullman Company	1,078,740
Arkansas Western	154,256
Santa Fe Ry.	30,989,594
Rock Island	48,021,645
Choctaw, New Castle & Western	11,750
Clinton, Oklahoma & Western	271,950
Ft. Smith, Poteau & Western	9,900
Ft. Smith & Western	2,625,517
Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe	8,374,184
Orient	2,799,535
Kansas City Southern	4,828,969
Midland Valley	3,481,930
Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf	4,152,632
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29,299,456
Oklahoma Central	1,157,244
Oklahoma City Junction Ry.	8,400
Poteau Valley	49,869
St. Louis, El Reno & Western	355,350
Iron Mountain	5,567,145
St. Louis & San Francisco	61,333,070
Texas, Oklahoma & Eastern	114,760
Webber Falls, Shawnee & Eastern	36,082
West Tulsa Belt Ry.	10,000
Wichita Falls & Northwestern	3,798,575
The Western Oklahoma Ry.	13,008
American Express	228,777
United States Express	343,245
Wells Fargo & Company	258,197

Favor Pipe Lines.

Indian Commissioner Cato Sells and Lieutenant J. O. Richardson of the navy department, who are holding hearings in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas relative to the advisability of the government owning and operating an oil pipe line to the gulf, also establishing storage and refinery facilities was in Oklahoma City early last week. Informal hearings were held in executive session at the Lee-Huckins hotel. The party went on to Ardmore, where they investigated condition in the Healdton field and proceeded from there to Dallas.

The hearings held at Bartlesville, Tulsa and in the Cushing field developed some very important facts one of which is that the cost of transportation of crude oil to the gulf is approximately 10 cents a barrel, while the pipe line companies are charging in the neighborhood of 45 cents a barrel for this service. It was also developed that a large percentage of the oil men of this state favor the government building and operating its own pipe line to furnish a fuel supply to the American navy.

Railroad Extension Report.

There comes via Paris, a rumor that the St. Louis & San Francisco and Santa Fe railway companies have entered into a trackage agreement that will change much of the traffic in the southeast section of the country. In substance the rumor has it that the Frisco will give over to the Santa Fe system its trackage north out of Paris to Arthur City on the Red river, and that the Santa Fe will route a train north through Hugo, thence west over the Ardmore & Arkinda division, north again on the Frisco to the Santa Fe.

Bankrupt Dealer Sues Jim Harris.

James A. Harris of Wagoner, republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, was made the defendant in a \$28,000 damage suit brought against him in the superior court at Muskogee by Harry Kirschner, a local merchant. Kirschner claims that Harris agreed to build a store room for him by a certain date, was three months late, and no sooner had he moved in than Harris served notice on him to leave because he had rented the store room to the United States government for a postoffice.

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS.

June 7-11—Commencement, State University, Norman.
June 10-12—Christian Endeavor convention, Enid.
June 12—Summer school begins, State University.
June 12-13—Fifth Annual monster picnic, Pittsburg.
June 15—Southwestern Waterworks Convention, Tulsa.
July 3-4—L. O. O. F. celebration, Granite.
July 6-Aug. 1—Cotton school, Stillwater.
July 9—McIntosh-Hughes annexation election.
Aug. 7—Summer school closes, State University.
Aug. 20-Sept. 1—Ryan Fair, Ryan.
Sept. 2-15—Jackson County Fair, Blair.
Sept. 7-12—Caddo County Fair, Anadarko.
Sept. 8-10—Caddo County Fair, Binger.
Sept. 8-10—Photographers convention, Oklahoma City.
Sept. 12—Kingshater County Fair, Kingshater.
Sept. 9-12—Greer County Fair, Mangum.
Sept. 14-19—Wah-Shah-She Fair, Pawhuska.
Sept. 15-17—Pottawatomie County Fair, Shawnee.
Sept. 15-18—Pawnee County Fair, Pawnee.
Sept. 15-18—Beckham County Fair, Elk City.
Sept. 15-18—Kay County Fair, Newkirk.
Sept. 15-18—Cimarron Valley Fair, Guthrie.
Sept. 16—Celebration Opening Cherokee Strip, Perry.
Sept. 16-18—Haskell County Fair, Stilwell.
Sept. 16-18—McIntosh County Fair, Eufaula.
Sept. 16-18—The Sterling Fair, Sterling.
Sept. 16-18—Pittsburg County Fair, McAlester.
Sept. 16-18—Lincoln County Fair, Prague.
Sept. 22-24—Delaware County Fair, Grove.
Oct. 2-3—1914—State Fair, Oklahoma City.
Oct. 7-17—Dry Farming Congress, Wichita.
October—Southern Commercial Congress, Muskogee.

Poultry shipments from Hobart have aggregated \$15,000 in value since September 1.

The third annual convention of the Southwestern Water Works Association will be held at Tulsa beginning June 15th.

The money stolen from the Bank of Millerton, twenty-five miles east of Hugo, amounting to \$1,500 was recovered, but the robbers escaped.

A special law enforcement club has been organized at Muskogee as a result of activity upon the part of liquor and gambling law violators.

Charles Harper, a tie cutter of Spiro, ran amuck and killed two persons, May Harper, a sister-in-law of the latter and Elias Blas, a tie cutter. Harper is in jail.

In the annual debating contest between Ardmore and Shawnee high schools, Ardmore won. The subject was, "Resolved, That the Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads."

Pleas Collins, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins, who live two miles west of Cordell, was drowned in Boggy creek when the bank on which he was standing caved in and he fell into the water.

Governor Cruce appointed Willard B. Bleakmore of Ardmore to the supreme court bench to succeed Justice Stillwell H. Russell. The new justice has been county attorney of Carter county, and is considered one of the best legal practitioners in the state.

Commissioners of Tulsa county are considering a plan to replace the present bridge across the Arkansas river at that point with a \$200,000 bridge. Plans are tentatively agreed upon and it is probable that the proposition will be submitted to a vote at the coming election.

The twenty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Stillwater last week. Meeting with the veterans were the United Spanish war veterans and their auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps (auxiliary to the Grand Army) and the ladies of the G. A. R.

The University of Oklahoma is preparing to receive the largest number of students ever enrolled for summer work. This year's session will begin immediately after the close of the commencement exercises, registration taking place on June 12 and 13 and actual class work beginning on Monday, June 15.

Suit has been filed against the first state bank of Wainwright and its surety for \$60,000 by Muskogee county. This amount is due from the bank as the result of the transactions of W. H. Wainwright, former treasurer, who was recently convicted of embezzlement in the Muskogee county courts and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Will Young, the sixteen-year-old son of J. D. Young, a negro school teacher of Ada was run over and his body ground to pieces by a Katy train on a bridge a half mile north of the station. The boy was lying on the track when the train approached. He raised up his head and looked at the engine but apparently made no effort to get off the track.

The city of Wagoner through speakers representing the united church, municipal officials and others welcomed the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly and responses were made in the presence of 1,500 delegates and visitors of the church, and 2,000 townspeople.

The old Baptist church building, a little frame structure which was one of the first three buildings erected in McAlester, the last of the land marks of the city, is being razed to the ground, its timbers to be used in new buildings.

DOTS AND DASHES
WIRE NEWS OF
THE WEEK

Washington.

Five hundred manufacturers and representatives of commercial organizations launched the first national foreign trade convention in Washington recently with prominent speakers analyzing perils and opportunities for the commerce abroad. At a banquet Secretary Bryan outlined the administration's attitude toward the campaign for industrial relations with other countries.

Acting on information of Charles L. Dougherty, labor commissioner of Oklahoma, that from thirteen thousand to fifteen thousand men would be required to help harvest and thresh the wheat crop in that state, Secretary Wilson has ordered bulletins placed in postoffices throughout the country describing Oklahoma's needs.

Former President Roosevelt came back to the national capital, where he spent seven years as chief executive, and into nine hours he crowded a speech on his South American expedition, a call on the President Wilson, a political conference of first importance with the Progressives in Congress, a visit to the Smithsonian Institution to see the trophies from his African hunt of four years ago, a meeting with a few members of the diplomatic corps and a dinner with his old friends there.

Because the ill-fated Titanic struck an iceberg rather than another British steamship, the supreme court has held that the owner, the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, was entitled to have its liability for loss of life and property in suits brought in American courts limited in accordance with American maritime law.

This means that those who sue in American courts will get virtually nothing, the law limiting liability to the salvage from the wreck, and the passenger and freight money collected for the voyage—about \$91,000 in all. The total claims against the company have reached \$13,000,000.

The "tap line" cases, involving millions of dollars annually in alleged rebates by trunk railroads to lumber and logging roads, were decided against the government and the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Supreme Court. It sustained the old commerce court's decision enjoining the commission's order of 1912 prohibiting joint rate rebate payments to the tap lines.

Conviction of Martin Ocampo and Teodoro M. Kalaw, editors of a Manila newspaper, on charges of criminally libeling Dean C. Worcester, formerly a member of the Philippine commission, was sustained by the supreme court.

The Oklahoma Demurrage Law, fixing railroad \$1 a car for failing to deliver cars ordered by shippers within five days, was declared void by the federal supreme court in a test case brought by the Rock Island Railroad.

The senate has passed the agricultural appropriation bill which it received from the committee nearly a month ago. It carries about \$19,700,000, a little more than the house provided.

Domestic Items.

The journeymen barbers' union, attempting to unionize all the Chicago shops, announced that if it was successful all tipping would be abolished.

After a 9-hour fight, practically the entire fire fighting force of Cleveland, O., brought under control a fire that swept bare an area of one-eighth square mile in Cleveland's lumber yard district, with an estimated loss between 1¼ and 1½ million dollars.

The Bible still is the "best seller." Besides millions of Bibles issued by scores of independent publishing houses last year, the American Bible Society alone issued 4,049,610 volumes, according to a statement just given out in New York.

For the first time since they assumed control in the strike districts of the Colorado coal fields, the United States troops were fired on. It has just been learned. The shooting occurred at a miner's camp at Segundo, near Trinidad, where twenty shots were fired at the federal troops.

William Warner, an aeronaut, fell 1,000 feet into Lake Erie and was drowned. He gave an exhibition at Avon Beach Park west of Cleveland, O. His bride was in the crowd that saw him fall.

Governor Major of Missouri in addressing the convention of the Ozark Trails Association at Tulsa, Ok., predicted the American politician who refuses to wake up to the importance of the good roads movement that is sweeping the nation will soon find himself relegated to private life.

After probably fatally shooting Detective Ed Rice in a running revolver fight at Tulsa, Ok., Douglas Rowe, negro, who robbed a drug store of \$800, escaped from a posse.

H. H. Tucker of Kansas City, Kas., president of the Uncle Sam Oil Company, and nine other defendants were declared not guilty, on a charge of attempting to defraud the government.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., by letter finally refused to hear from Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver any details of the mine war in Colorado.

Foreign Affairs.

Reports reaching Vera Cruz by private sources declare General Huerta has specifically committed himself to turn over the government to a commission composed of prominent members of the various factions in the republic, such as has been suggested at the Niagara Falls peace conference.

The German steamer Bavaria has been held at Vera Cruz, upon its arrival without manifest, at Brigadier General Funston's order. The Bavaria recently landed a large quantity of ammunition on Mexican soil. It is estimated the Bavaria put ashore 1,800,000 rounds of ammunition.

Ammunition consigned to the Huerta government in Mexico which had been kept in the hold of the German steamship Ypiranga ever since the American occupation of Vera Cruz has been landed at Puerto Mexico.

In the presence of the king and queen and a brilliant throng, Durbar II, owned by H. B. Duryea, an American, and ridden by Jockey MacGee, an American, won the \$32,000 Epsom Downs Derby.

The famous Wagner Opera House in Bayreuth, Germany, is to be made a gift to the German people, according to an announcement made in a newspaper interview with Siegfried Wagner, son of the composer.

The minister of agriculture and colonization in Huerta's cabinet, Eduardo Tamariz, a member of the Catholic party, has resigned his post.

The Irish Home Rule Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 351 to 274, a majority of 77. An amendment is to be passed at once, if the Unionists agree, to meet some of the Ulster demands. Upon the rejection of the present bill by the lords, which is taken for granted, it will automatically become a law with the king's signature, and within the next twelve months the new Irish Parliament will be sitting at Dublin.

The steamer Royal Edward of the Canadian Northern Steamship Company collided with an iceberg 110 miles east of Cape Race while on its voyage from Montreal to Avonmouth. Little damage resulted.

Thirty-one refugees, including five women and eight children, have just sailed from Vera Cruz for the United States on the navy tug Patuxent.

Navy hydro-aeroplanes were fired upon by the Mexican outposts just beyond the American lines at Vera Cruz. A dozen shots were sent after the airmen who were sailing high in the air. The bullets sang over the heads of the American sentries, but failed to reach their mark.

A new international element has entered into the situation at Mazatlan when Constitutionalists bullets, fired at some launches that were bearing provisions to the beleaguered federalists in the city, fell dangerously near a launch belonging to the Japanese cruiser stationed there.

Shouts of "Shoot the king!" filled the hall in which a meeting of the Woman's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization, was held in London.

The threatened deadlock in the mediation conference at Niagara Falls over the vexed land question in Mexico is believed to have been averted by a compromise in which both the Mexican and American delegates made concessions.

Personas.

Charles G. Lathrop, treasurer of Leland Stanford University, and brother of the late Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, is dead at Palo Alto, Cal., after long illness.

Theodore Roosevelt, as President, was ready to take measures "equivalent to action in time of war" to end the great strike in the anthracite mines in 1902. He was determined to take action even though an effort should be made later to impeach him for it. Mr. Roosevelt so testified in giving testimony before a referee.

Gustave Hamel, the aviator believed lost in the Channel recently, is safe at South Shields, England. He was rescued by a fishing boat after his monoplane fell into the water.

Lou Burk, widely known in America, England and Scotland as an animal painter, is dead at his home in Bloomington, Ill. He had painted more than ten thousand pictures of prize winning horses, cattle and dogs. He was 69 years old.

Announcement has been made that Miss Nettie Yoerb of Sterling, Ill., had given \$10,000 to the foreign mission society of the Methodist church. She earned the money working as a seamstress.

New York's taxable property, city and state, is valued at \$11,893,730,514.

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Sizing Up Louis.

There recently came to a fashionable shoe shop in Chicago a daughter of a man whose wealth has been acquired within very recent years. The young woman was disposed to patronize the clerk and rejected a number of "classy" slippers he produced for her approval. Finally she said:

"I think, perhaps, I shall take these two pairs. But Louis XV heels are too high for me. Give me a size lower, or, stay—perhaps Louis XIII will be high enough."—Harper's.

Queen Poor Conversationalist.

Queen Mary is a poor conversationalist. On some one being brought up to her it is said she will begin to talk with remarkable felicity, setting the other at ease and delighting him. Then, all of a sudden, she suddenly ceases, an acute silence supervenes and the other does not know whether to break the pause or slip away. The fact is the queen talks well by dint of concentration; this does not always last until the end of the conversation, and once the thread is broken she grows abstracted, thinking of something else.

Resistance to Electricity.

Great prominence is given here to reports of experiments by Dr. Von Pfungen of Vienna, showing the protective resistance of the human skin against an electric current.

Normally the resistance averages from 70,000 to 80,000 ohms. In the morning, owing to the accumulation of food residue in the intestines the resistance amounts to 180,000 ohms. In persons suffering from nervous anxiety it decreases to 5,000 ohms and even to 1,000 ohms in cases of hysteria.

Von Pfungen's experiments are described as proving the oft-observed fact that the effect of an electric shock when it is expected is much less serious than when it is unexpected, so electricians are psychically better protected against any shocks they receive.

Von Pfungen also measured a human being's emotional feelings by the electric current. An art student sat gripping a carbon electric connected with a galvanometer. To begin with, his electrical resistance was 60,000 ohms, but when he began to turn the leaves of an album of pictures, the galvanometer started to oscillate downward. A reproduction of Donatello's "David" brought the student's resistance down to 38,000 ohms, Murillo's "St. Francis," to 20,000, the needle swinging lower as the student became more interested.—Paris Cable to New York American.

DID THE WORK

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